
BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 29th MARCH 2007

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

TITLE – CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

PURPOSE

1. To consider applications for funding from this years Capital Allocation budget and to update Members on progress to date.

BACKGROUND

2. The Area Committee at its meeting on the 8th April 2003 considered the criteria for allocation of its capital budget, confirmed the existing criteria and asked the Working Group also to consider an additional criteria “one-off” expenditure relating to projects which had community benefits”.

Criteria: (sections 3 – 10)

3. The allocation to be spent on capital schemes as defined by legislation, i.e. one-off type expenditure on acquisition, construction enhancement of land, roads, buildings, equipment or vehicles which may also include the making of grants or loans for capital expenditure by others.
4. Schemes should contribute to the Community Strategy and should not conflict with existing Council Policy.
5. Schemes should be for the general benefit of the wider community i.e. not just for the benefit of individuals or specific groups and should make a difference in the local area.
6. Schemes should not result in any ongoing revenue costs.
7. Consideration should be given to schemes that might generate external funding (i.e. using these budgets as match funding).
8. Schemes which support the Priority Neighbourhood Themes.
9. Priority should be given to schemes which promote social inclusion.

10. Would fund one-off funding for projects with clear community benefit.
11. To date four applications have been received for capital allocation and are outlined in sections 12 – 15 of this report. Details of any new applications will be included in the Capital Allocations Working Group report provided to Members in advance of the meeting.
12. Kinky Hair Media Ltd. £2,400 requested to purchase a computer, printer and camera.
13. Church of God of Prophecy. £1,290 requested for essential building works to improve the centre for community use.
14. Wordsley Festival. £4,700 requested to purchase a transportation trailer, storage container, festival banners and hoardings.
15. The Brierley Hill Project. £5,500 requested to develop two new kitchen areas within new community centre.

FINANCE

16. The delegated budget allocation of £50,000 is funded from the Council's mainstream capital resources. The current position on expenditure from previous years will be reported verbally to the meeting by the Area Liaison Officer.

LAW

17. The Area Committee may incur capital expenditure in respect of the various statutory functions of the Council.

EQUALITY IMPACT

18. The proposals take account of the Council's policy relating to equal opportunities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

19. That Members approve the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group concerning any new requests received.

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